

May 25, 1944.

Dear Members:

The month of May is the month of important anniversaries. It marks the centennial of the demonstration of the first practical electric telegraph by the eminent American painter, Samuel Morse, whose middle initials, by the way, were FB. His was also the first successful code for the use of which he built a recorder and printer that later developed into the sounder.

The completion of the first transcontinental railroad line has its 75th anniversary this month, and it also is the 125th anniversary of the first ship to cross the Atlantic Ocean under steam power.

May is also the month that commemorates the thirtieth anniversary of the American Radio Relay League, founded by the first president, Hiram Percy Maxim.

While we are on the subject, we wish to state that K. B. Warner, celebrated his twenty-fifth anniversary on April 26, 1944, as Managing Secretary of the A. R. R. L. Congratulatory letters were written by Tom Gettelman, W9IZO, Secretary of the MRAC; Herb. Wareing, W8NY, President of the Wisconsin Chapter of Associated Police Communication Officers; Jack Doyle, W9GPI, for the MRAC Shorewood Radio School; Emil Felber, W9RH, SCM of Wisconsin; and personal letters by Clarence Grapo, W9VD, and Erv. Kreis, W9HRM.

The Chicago Area Radio Club Council held its Hamboree, Saturday, May 13, 1944, in the Bal Tabarin Room of the Sherman Hotel. Exhibits of radio equipment were arranged by and through the courtesy of the Signal Corps. The meeting was opened by Chairman George B. Ashton, W9PNV. Cyrus T. Read, W9AA, Assistant Secretary ARRL, gave a "Report from the League". Comdr. James E. Parrott, USNR, W7KX, DCO Ninth Naval District, gave a talk "The Radio Amateur in the Navy". Kenneth R. Porter, Radio News Foreign Correspondent, gave a talk on "Hams in the European Theater of Operation". Films were shown on "Patrolling the Ether", Courtesy M-G-M., "Voice of Victory", the story of Hallicrafters SCR-299 mobile communication unit, and "Attack Signal" radio in the war. Registration showed over 500 Hams present.

The MRAC was represented at the Hamboree by the following: Jack Doyle, W9GPI, John Scarvací, W9GIL, Tony Bárszcz, W9HPZ, Wilbur Price, W9NVQ, Wm. Kittson, W9RSA, and Emil Felber, W9RH. The boys took along our WERS WNFI Unit # 10 and put it on display.

Pfc Gilbert W. Rink was home on furlough and visited the Club April 27th.

Capt. Reid Burrows, USMCR, W9JWT, was home on a two week leave and visited the Club May 4th. He gave a talk on his experiences and commended us on the Bulletin.

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Lt. (jg) Louis A. Wollaege, USNR, W9ANA, was home on leave.

Ensign Wm. W. Black, USNR, also was home on leave.

Both W9ANA and Blackie visited the Club on May 11th and gave short talks. They commented on the good effect the Bulletin has on the Boys away from home. W9ANA told of seeing Comdr. Fred Catel, USNR, W9DTX, for five minutes at Spartanburg, S.C., as Fred's plane made a stop there enroute from Washington, D.C. to New Orleans. He also mentioned meeting Gordon Stanys, ART, W9EUQ, who hails from Gudahy, Wis.

Charles Meyer, W9GVL, was made chairman of a Jamboree, a party that will be held May 25th, after our last meeting of the season, at Gettelman's Rathskeller.

Election of Directors and Officers for the 1944-45 season took place May 18th with the following results: Norm Barnes, W9CDY, President; Tom Gettelman, W9IZO, Vice President; Erv. Kreis, W9HRM, Secretary; and Emil Felber, W9RH, Treasurer. The balance of the Directors were Jack Doyle, W9GPI; John Scarvac, W9GIL; Charles Meyer, W9GVL; and Ray Peschek, W9LUJ.

We lacked addresses of some of our boys so letters were sent to their folks, which brought the following replies:

Joe Cohen, W9AXR, was honorably discharged from the army and is now working in Chicago.

Leonard H. Geier, W9ZBP, a native of Sparta, Wis., who went to the School of Engineering, is now a Captain in the Signal Corps, overseas.

Pasquale "Marconi" Eanelli, W9UHZ, is a Lieutenant in the Signal Corps and is also overseas.

Paul Anton, W9UNY, whose hobbies zig-zagged between amateur radio and amateur photography, was found to be working at Lockheed in California. He has been out there for the past three years, with the exception of five months last year when he enlisted in the Navy, had boot camp training and went to Radar school, but was honorably discharged.

Elmer L. Schultz, RM 1/C, W9ZUX, was found to be still on the same ship in the Pacific.

Henry Koch, W9VIB, who has been among the missing for a long time, was finally located. He lives on Long Island.

The WERS situation is well in hand. The Boys worked hard the past month. Antennas and units were installed at the following locations: #1 - Safety Building; #2 - 6th and Mineral; #5 - 3rd and Hadley; #6 - 33rd and Burnham; #7 - 37th and Auer; #8 - West Allis; #9 - Wauwatosa; #10 - Shorewood; #17 - Port Washington & Green Tree Roads, Town of Milwaukee. All units are installed in Police Stations. Unit #3 - 47th and Vliet, was previously installed, and Unit #21 - City Hall, is at a temporary location. Unit #1 at the Safety Building, being control center, called the roll on the test of May 3rd - 8 units answered in 3½ minutes.

Communications were received, receipt recorded and read from the following Boys:

Pfc. Carl Schuppel, who sent a letter and numerous copies of the "Timberwolf" and the "Camp Carson Mountaineer".

Lt. (jg) Louis A. Wollaeger, USNR, W9ANA, wrote from South Carolina and will be shifted soon.

Ensign Wm. W. Black, USNR, wrote from Texas and also is awaiting orders.

Cpl. Frank J. Datzek has been transferred from Kentucky to deep down in the heart of Texas.

Norbert J. Kelly, RM 1/C, W9JWN, finally dropped us a line from the West Coast.

1st Lt. Sid. R. Rose, Air Transport Command, W9VKC, received Bulletin # 3, which was mailed March 26th. He replied promptly April 17th and his V-mail letter got here on April 29th. That surely is good service to and from India and we appreciate Sid's acknowledgment. Would that all the boys would be so prompt. In a subsequent letter, Sid mentions meeting the operator of a GI broadcasting station right in back of his abode. The operator turned out to be Ralph Green, whose home is on 34th and Center, an ex-protege' of Bill Brossman, W9EQP, and former control operator of WISN. Quite a coincidence to meet a Milwaukee Ham in India, 13,000 miles from home.

Elmer L. Schultz, RM 1/C, W9ZUX, sent us a nice letter and wishes to be remembered to the gang back home. He wrote, quote, The saddest news for me was the beer party I missed out on, unquote.

Sgt. James Fischer wrote from somewhere in England. He related having visited Robin Hood's old stamping grounds. The beer, he said, is plentiful, but does not compare with the old home town brew, and the Scotch is a wee bit expensive. The honeys are plenty nice and friendly, but give me the gals back home.

Roman Hudzinski, ACRM, USNR, W9JPS, wrote from New Jersey. His XYZ and two baby ops. are joining him down east so he will not be here this Summer.

Pvt. John Holmes wrote from Illinois.

Lt. Jerry M. Lelchuk wrote from Texas. Tnx for the card.

Wendell Ciganek, W9SYT, wrote from the East.

Ensign George Pfiater, USNR, W9IZQ, wrote from Texas.

The MRAC will have its summer vacation June, July and August, and meetings will again be resumed in September. We, therefore, are scratching our heads as to the source of our news. The pickings will be very slim unless you boys out in the field write in and give us something to write about. So, don't let us down.

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We will pass along a sample of some of the fill-ins we will have to use during this Summer's news shortage:

O Mother, may I go out to swim?
Why not, my darling daughter,
You're so darned near naked anyhow,
You'd look better in the water.

So bear with us, fellas, and in the meantime take good care of yourselves, drop us a line, and you will be hearing from us next month.

73,

The Gang.

P.S. - Don't forget to notify us of a change in your address.

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